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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 Applicants advise the Office of a co-pending PCT Application (PCT/US01/49213) containing disclosure substantially identical to the above-described application. The International Search Report has been received in the PCT case, and since the Examiner's are listed as being the same, it seemed inappropriate to provide a 1449 listing and copies of such cited prior patent documents. Applicants have instead provided a copy of the International Search Report listing for the Examiner's convenience.

Applicants are also aware of co-pending U.S. Application, Serial Number 09/156,208 that discloses related subject matter and this application also is being examined by the same Office Examiner. A copy of the Notice of References Cited from the most recent Office Action (April 26, 2002) is likewise enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

In addition to the foregoing, Applicants submit the enclosed Form(s) PTO-1449, in duplicate, including copies of the documents therein listed. Applicants were aware of these patent documents prior to the filing of the above application.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.98(g) and (h), Applicants make no representation that an exhaustive search has been made or that the information cited is considered to be material to patentability. Additionally, inclusion on this list is not an admission that any of the cited documents are prior art in this application. Further, Applicants make no representation regarding the completeness of this list or that better art does not exist.

Respectfully submitted,

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